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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005. Claims 1-40 are pending.
Claims 1-40 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-20 are said to be drawn to a coherent nonwoven dimensionally stable fibrous web, classified in Class 442, subclass 328;
- II. Claims 21-35 are said to be drawn to a fiber-forming method, classified in Class 264, subclass 464;
- III. Claims 36-40 are said to be drawn to a method for preparing a fibrous web, classified in Class 156, subclass 285.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, namely claims 1-20, and further elect Species 4 identified in the Restriction Requirement. In addition to the claims listed as generic in the Restriction Requirement, claim 6 reads on the elected species.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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